

**FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN****18 AUGUST 2005****APPROVED 08/25/2005**

At 6:15 pm the Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Cordes. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Peter Bolduc; and Jeanne Nygren.

Minutes of the August 11<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed, and signed by members. Motion was made by Selectman Bolduc to approve minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Gates and approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed an email from Matthew Thomas about the Black Rock Village park project. The Board decided to move ahead with this project given the commitments made previously by Matthew Thomas. He wants to apply for any grants available because historical society cannot fund entirely the statue of John Fremont as Thomas has planned for this park. Next week Mr. Himmer is due to meet with the Board and it will be further reviewed at that time. Selectmen went over the package of information and plan from Mr Himmer for the development and park's construction. The discussion is to be continued next week.
2. There was discussion about the Planning Board visioning session last night with. The overview was that information is not getting out to the public in a timely manner. There are concerns about town growth, open space and uses of property being locked up in current use and getting tax breaks on it. There was discussion about the build out study. The cost is \$8,000.00 if they want it done. Questions were asked about how the Town will benefit from a build out analysis. The Planning Board will take \$1,000 out of their operating budget to start this.
3. Input was received from Dick Heselton and Thom Roy regarding the bond questions for the Governor's Forest park. The engineer is due out tomorrow to work on the bond reduction. This is to reduce it for work completed and include the gravel operation items as conditioned on the Planning Board approval.
4. With regard to OHRV usage on town property, Cordes thought we need to adopt state language to distinguish ages, for example 12 vs 16 years of age. What is done affects your drivers license. Selectmen asked Chief Janvrin to get info on regulations and incorporate into a permission form and parental signature, to include the conditions and need to establish where they are going to be on trails. There was some discussion about marking trails on tax map for approximate location for the to and from that is permissible to traverse by each rider.

**Department Heads**

Chief Janvrin came in at 6:50 pm.

He said within next 2 weeks the range will be up and running. Cordes wants to come for a tour. John Wilder will come and move a large rock and level out the material on site. A way to muffle out sounds is still needed. Vegetation has grown and helps stopping erosion. It was suggested that some seed and maybe planting of some trees would help for noise reduction.

Janvrin said that he is going to a Fire Rescue Study Committee meeting and that they are working on a final draft of their findings. Janvrin offered that he felt the process is going well and is fair. He said that they talked with 10 other towns and all have same agreement. Gene thanked him for his efforts.

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Chief Janvrin left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

5. Selectmen reviewed and approved the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$97,086.81. Motion by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to approve it. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
6. The September Newsletter was read by the Selectmen. Cordes made a typographical correction. The Board also suggested that a line or two be added to address the website and the efforts to refresh it.
7. Selectmen discussed the Road Agent's role and pertinent highway statutes for making decisions regarding roads. They discussed the public relations on such matters, and the fact that landowners should be contacted.
8. The Conservation Commission has voted to move ahead with the Glen Oakes purchase after reviewing the title information, and are looking to the Board of Selectmen for the next step of that decision. The Commission indicated that a letter of intent will need to be drafted prior to the end of September, and believe that letter should come from the Board of Selectmen. The Commission has asked Heidi to look into title insurance. Cordes stated that this is a good idea. These questions have been forwarded to John Ryan and will be addressed when he comes back from vacation. The preliminary cost estimate is \$1,875 for a simple policy, and is based on the purchase price. The CC will consider the cost item, and would like to purchase the insurance. (That would come from the CC fund as well.).

The subdivision/ lot line merger to consolidate parcels 04-080, 04-081, 04-082, 04-083, and the remainder of 02-156.2 has been submitted to the Planning Board for a hearing.

Commission members want the Selectmen's advice on having an outside agency hold an easement on the Oak Ridge Forest lands. This could be used as a possible match for another grant. The commission is considering a survey of these parcels in order to proceed with the easement, and they are looking for the Selectmen's comments on spending monies from the Conservation fund for this purpose.

Selectmen suggested that the lot lines are necessary and that the Commission look for a couple of quotes for survey work should it proceed. This land was cut about 10 years ago to improve timber, clear cut for wild life vegetation, and currently the second phase of that work is underway.

Lisa Maffei, Pam & Chris Braid and Vickie Murdock came in at 7:45 pm to voice one of their concerns regarding the committee researching fire/rescue issues. They said they are worried about how the research is being done, and believe it is completely biased. They said that people on the committee are talking to chiefs in the area departments and no one is talking to the employees that do the work. In Mr Braid's opinion, they need to talk to the call responders. He said his suggestion was blown off by the committee.

Another issue is a formality on how this issue will be voted on and passed. They said that nobody has called a meeting with rescue personnel only fire/rescue personnel. The people being used are bias because they are fire employees that volunteer to the committee. They said that they felt the committee's intent is to get an ambulance for the Town of Fremont. EMS training is done as fire training. There was discussion about bill picked up by the Fire Department for training of an individual (rescue training). These rescue members feel and expressed to the Board that the Study Committee is biased on one opinion. They feel there is

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no comparison gathered of information regarding putting the departments together, research this before a citizen group, people nominated from departments to conduct committee. The Selectmen said they are not looking for a recommendation, just fact finding from the Committee. This Committee is just to ask for them to do research. Some members of the EMS unit feel threatened by fire, they feel with a lot of people tension and control issues. Cordes made a statement about looking into what is the best for the town, and the ability to get the best information to the voters to make the basis of a good decision if anything is to change. He said that ultimately this is about Fremont and it's voters.

The Selectmen have said that a warrant article would likely be necessary to make any changes because that is how the private rescue was formed. The EMS members want pros and cons to be presented. Submit so it is matter of public record and can be forwarded to them. They want right to voice their opinions and point of view before any decisions are made. Gene wants them to submit their views in writing and we can forward on their findings.

Members left the Board's meeting at 8:20 and at that time Patricia and Alfred Martel came into the meeting.

The Martels live at 3 Tibbetts Road and came to voice their opinions regarding the cutting of trees on their property at the corner of Tibbetts Road and Main Street. They requested and were given a copy of the Road Agen'ts letter to the Selectmen in this regard.

After reading his letter they gave their opinion regarding the trees that they feel didn't need to be touched. They stated that if there were problems then he should have asked to have the limbs removed by them. In the past they stated that the Post Office had a problem with limbs and he took care of the problem. Because Guerwood didn't approach them with the issue and just doing the job they feel they were violated. The Martels brought in pictures that showed, in their opinion, that the cutting was not necessary. They also complained about a mess left of sawdust.

Heidi Carlson returned to the meeting at 8:25 pm. At this time Jeanne Nygren left the meeting.

The Martels said that they had lived there for 29 years and the tree was one story high when they moved in. they said the tree is very large, and offers their property protection that they now feel is gone.

They want tree wound dressing applied and want another tree planted on their property. Mr Martel said that he would take the fence down and wants the town to plant another tree in that area. They are afraid that the trees from which branches were trimmed may die.

Mrs Martel had asked for the branches to be returned to her, as they have a woodstove that they could burn them.

The Martels expressed their concerns, and said they did not expect the Selectmen to make a decision this evening. They said they would try and find some pictures prior to the branches being cut. Selectmen said that they would try and get out there to see the area in the coming days. They will try to do this as a group. The Martels said the Selectmen could go there even if they were not home, to see the area. The Board decided that they will go there at 6:00 pm on Tuesday August 23, 2005. Mrs Martel thought she could have the prior pictures together by then.

Albert Witham came into the meeting at 8:40 pm. Mr & Mrs Martel left the meeting at that time.

Mr Witham discussed with the Board his ongoing process to hook into the Town of Raymond's water supply for use by residents of the Witham Countryside Homes park in Fremont. He said

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he has received approval from the State of NH DOT to bring the water line down Route 107. He said this is a new problem in that he has uranium and radon in the water at the current park well. This has come up in the last six months.

Chairman Cordes reviewed the recent letter from the Town of Raymond, which included some design information that Raymond was still looking for. He does not yet have DES approval.

He said he spent \$30,000 last year to put iron softeners in the existing water system. He has to do monthly water testing, and then quarterly and yearly for other types of testing.

Witham said he works with the Town of Raymond already for his park in that Town. He indicated they have an ample and good water supply.

Selectmen said that as soon as Witham has DES approval that the Board said they could write a letter from the Town of Fremont in support of the water, hydrant and connection.

Witham said he was going to put a six inch hydrant in Fremont

Witham said he is just about done selling homes and he is going to talk to the Planning Board about seeing if he can expand out front of the Countryside Homes park with a few more homes to offset the cost of the water line expansion.

Witham discussed the roadway being used from Governor's Forest, which has now been discontinued as the road in from Route 107 is paved. Witham said he thought the two parks working together for the adult community was good for the Town.

Selectmen said they would get a letter to Mr Witham once the final approval information is received.

Witham discussed his park endeavors in Fremont, Raymond, and in other locations.

Mr Witham left the Board's meeting at 9:15 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen will continue to work on the evaluation forms and have it as an agenda item again next week.
2. Scheduling was discussed with some absences by Board members for different Thursdays upcoming.
3. Selectmen received a complaint letter from Mary Anderson about the revaluation. Board members forwarded this on to Vision Appraisal with a cover memo and sent a return letter to Anderson.
4. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
5. The final Vision database is due back to the Town tomorrow morning, along with a full set of printed cards. The office has been quite busy with follow-up questions about the values and abatement process to correct any errors or inequities that people may find.
6. A bond reduction for John Wilder's project was received this evening. The Selectmen will review it next week after it has been reviewed by Guerwood Holmes.

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## NEXT WEEK

The Selectmen will meet at the Martel property at 6:00 pm on Tuesday August 23, 2005.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday August 25, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

At 10:15 pm, with no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to recess this meeting to 6:00 pm on Tuesday August 23, 2005 at the Martel property at 3 Tibbetts Road. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren

Heidi Carlson

C: HW PD FD RS BI PB HO SB EM

Tuesday August 23, 2005

Peter Bolduc and Gene Cordes met in the Town Hall parking lot in anticipation of traveling to the Martel residence on Tibbetts Road. They left the Town Hall at 5:56 pm and arrived at the Martel residence just after 6:00 PM. Alfred and Pat Martel met the two selectmen in the yard and waited briefly for the arrival of Selectmen Gates, who arrived at 6:05 pm.

The Martels showed the Selectmen the trees that had branches removed and also pictures that showed the approximate growth of the trees prior to removal of the branches. It appeared that some of the branches could not have been removed without entering their property and others may have fallen in the NH route 107 R.O.W. It was also noted that the newly erected stop sign was on the opposite side of the street from their property. The Martels again restated that they would have worked with Town had then been approached about the problem but were stunned to learn about the need to remove the branches when they came home and realized the branches had been cut and the wood removed from the tree which they believe is several feet within their property line.

They reiterated their position from the 8/18 Selectmen's meeting wherein they stated that if the Town provided them with tree wound dressing, replaced the wood that was removed from their tree and paid for the planting of a maple tree as replacement shade and buffer from the street noise, they would feel that the situation is resolved to their satisfaction. The Selectmen agreed to think it over and make a decision at their Thursday meeting on 8/25/05. The Selectmen plan to call the Martels from their meeting after they make their decision. The Selectmen also let the Martels know that before they make their decision they would like to have an opportunity to speak to the road agent, Guerwood Holmes regarding their concerns. Holmes did not attend the meeting with the Martels on the 8/18/05.

The Selectmen left the Martels' residence at 6:33 pm and returned to the Town Hall parking lot. At 6:43 pm on a motion to adjourn by Bolduc and seconded by Gates the meeting was adjourned. The vote was approved 3-0.

Minutes provided by Gene Cordes

